

showed to Mr. Harlick, to the usher and to M. H. Forrick.

The Rev. Dan M. Bradley informed the resolutions in behalf of the pastors. He said that while they had looked forward to the meetings for a year, yet they exceeded all expectations.

Amos Mendenhall spoke in reference to the resolutions. He believed the power of the city had exercised an immense influence in behalf of the meetings. He did not believe it could be overestimated, and he believed if those who had listened to the sermons would live up to the life that Mr. Mills had preached, they could obtain the same inducement of the press in every work they undertook.

Marion H. Forrick personally thanked the ushers, doorknopers and aides for their faithful service.

C. G. Harrington, in behalf of the Christian Endeavor of the city, spoke in endorsement of the resolutions.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously.

A reception was given to Mr. Mills, Mr. Mills and Mr. Gilliam, and nearly everybody in the congregation bade them farewell. Mr. Mills left for Chicago at 11:30 last night.

#### AFTERNOON MEETING.

A Small Congregation and Many Are Saved.

The storm exercised a bad influence upon the attendance at the afternoon meeting, and the congregation was by far the smallest of the series, only about 150 persons being present. The Rev. Dr. Olausson, a Baptist missionary, made the opening prayer. Mr. Mills read the scripture lesson from Genesis xxvii, beginning with verse 24. Mr. Mills sang "Jesus Take As I Am." The evangelist selected his text from Genesis xxvii, 24 and 25. "And he said, 'I will not let thee go unless thou bless me.'" and he blessed him three times. Mr. Mills told the story of Jacob's visit to Esau and the weakness he showed in sending him presents in advance and hesitating before crossing the stream, in the hope of escape if Esau should try to lay violent hands upon him. The evangelist drew from this a lesson of how God takes advantage of human weakness to show how dependent we are upon him. He discussed Jacob's prayer, and said: "A selfish prayer that is honest is better than an unselfish prayer that is not honest. We are always trying to make God believe that we are better than we are. We are never sincere. If one shoulder is a little lower than the other, we compel the dressmaker or tailor to remedy the defect. I know of a man that was cured of his sin, not because of the profanity, but in spite of it. He was in the habit of swearing in every sentence. He was converted one day and while praying at the meeting he became so aroused that he swore in the prayer, and God saved him, there. God looked only at the sincerity in the man's heart."

"Jacob was a miserable swindler," continued the evangelist. "A mean liar and hypocrite. He was a swindler at home and a swindler abroad, before he was wrestled with the angel. I like to think of him because he is a great example of what God's grace can do for the meanest man when he finally resigns himself to God."

"Don't try to swindle God. Don't attempt to deceive him. Let him cast his search light into your heart. Let him know the depths of your sin. Tell him your name. Tell him you're Jacob, the swindler, and he will change your name to Israel, the prince of God. Don't be afraid to tell the truth to God. If you will pay the price you can live a godly life. You pay for it, but you really don't want it for you would get it. You pray for the mind of Christ, but you did not want it. He had no reputation. Did you want to be that way? He was a servant. Were you willing to be a servant? He was humble, meek and obedient. Did you really want to be that way? I for you were like the little boys that ring door bells in the night and then run away for fear somebody will answer them."

In spite of the small congregation, there was a large number of converts at the close of the sermon.

ACQUITTED AFTER 21 YEARS.

A Georgia Man Acquitted of a Murder Which Was Solved in Mystery.

A Cleveland (Ga.) correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat sends his paper the following story:

At midnight a verdict was rendered in the superior court which relieved Marcus Van Diver of a charge of murder which he has been battling for over 21 years.

In June of 1872 M. E. Palmer, who was at the time one of the most noted lawyers and politicians of the state, attended court here. He was engaged in the prosecution of cases against several prominent men charged with forging land titles. While riding to the home of a friend with whom he boarded he was shot to death. No trace of his murderer could be found. A few weeks later Marcus Van Diver, who was a poor cropper, suddenly blundered into a man of means. Where he got his money no one knew, and for want of a better explanation the people declared that the head title forger had paid him to murder the man who was so much in their way. This theory led to an indictment for murder.

For some strange reason, while proclaiming his innocence, Van Diver always kept his case at the head of the docket, and for 17 years has awaited trial. To secure these continuances required influence of the strongest kind, which he always commanded. The courthouse, with many records, has been burned since 1872, and many witnesses have died. Van Diver elected this last week that it was safe to allow his case to come to trial. Among the persons present in the courtroom was the posthumous daughter of the dead lawyer, who is now a beautiful young woman. The verdict of acquittal was unavoidable, because of the death and absence of witnesses. Van Diver is going to move to Texas next week.

The Molester Hen.

A friend has lately told me the following story: In the western part of Massachusetts a man had a fine stock farm—that is, a farm for raising cows and horses. But a few weeks ago a fire broke out in the barn and burned not only the building and the hay, but most of the animals also. After the fire the owner walked over the ruins. It was a sad sight to see the charred bodies of his fine Jersey cows and his high priced horses, to say nothing of the money lost with them.

But at the end of the barn he saw a sight which touched him more than all the rest. There sat an old black hen. He wondered that she did not move. He went to look at her as he came near her, but he thought she must be asleep. He poked her with his cane, and to his surprise the wing which he touched fell into motion. Then he knew that she had been burned to death. But out from under her came a faint little peep, and motioning her side with his cane the man

## OUR POETS.

Powerful Words and Noble Thoughts.

How Closely Are They Related to Our Daily Lives.

What One of Our Foremost Ladies Thinks About It.

Henry W. Longfellow has said in one of his most popular poems that "All things come round to him who will but wait."

How true it certainly is that if we have but the patience to wait and struggle for that which we so much desire, the prize will surely be ours. It is not enough, however, to sit quietly down and remain inert, but if we would accomplish great results we must possess untiring perseverance.

At least one person appreciates the full significance of the great man's words. Miss S. Cohen of 534 South 6th st., Camden, N. J., has for months been waiting, longing and striving to regain that health without which life is at best but a dreary existence.

She has been constantly treating with different remedies and physicians but never once lost courage, for she has made up her mind that there was a remedy which would cure her and was determined to find it. She succeeded so well and is so filled with gratitude and thankfulness that she wishes the whole world could know of her wonderful cure.

The following is a letter written by her for the public benefit:

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MISS S. COHEN.

anything on my stomach. I was so nervous and weak that I could not hold a glass in my hand, and the doctors pronounced it nervous prostration. I changed doctors and found no relief. My friends advised me to try Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, and after using four bottles I am now entirely cured and am anxious to recommend this valuable medicine to everyone suffering from similar complaints. I hope it will do as much good to others as it has to me."

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found—what do you think?—10 little, live, yellow chickens! The poor hen had sacrificed her own life to save them and had held her place in the fire as Casabianca held his on the burning deck. That sight touched the man more than anything else, and he has to own that his eyes grew a little more moist than usual.—Churchman.

The Hardest Part.

"Ho, hum!" sighed the defeated candidate. "It's bad enough to be beaten in an election, but this having to find satisfactory reasons for the defeat is the most unpleasant thing of all."—Somerville Journal.

Giving Up.

"Say, old man, you sip that wine as if it were your life blood."

"Well, it cost enough—\$50 a bottle."

"H'm! I don't wonder you feel as if you were bleeding at every pore."

Truth.

Both Wrong.

"Now, George, which is correct—minima gave me a piece of pie, or maxima gave me a piece of pie?"

George.—Neither one. I took it when she wasn't looking.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Forebodings.

The girl's hair has passed away. No chance remains to doubt it. But still we'll dread for many a day The looks they'll write about it.

—Washington Star.

SECRETARY CALLINGS

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